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## The Degeneration of the Sun According to Al-Ghazali

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### ABSTRACT

In this paper we attempt to expose the opinion of Al-Ghazali with respect to the question of the degeneration of the Sun, as opposed to Galen's opinion. Galen believed that the Sun, being a heavenly body that is composed of the fifth element Ether, is not eligible to deterioration and degeneration. On the contrary, Al-Ghazali believed that the Sun may deteriorate refuting the objection raised by astronomers that no degrading of the Sun is seen throughout the past ages. Al-Ghazali correctly argues that the estimated degrading in the mass of the Sun is expected to be very small which makes it undeterminable by direct observations. Modern scientific astrophysical analysis supports Al-Ghazali's point of view.

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